

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- The present invention relates to a digital content distribution system to distribute contents, and in particular, to a technology efficiently applicable to a digital content distribution system in which an original document such as a book is digitized into a digital content and the content digitized is distributed from a content management database center to stores such that a digital content selected by a customer is sold in the stores. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- Distribution and sales using paper as media play at present a central role in the distribution and sales of contents. In the distribution via such paper media, a print format of the contents on sheets of paper and a bundling form of the sheets influence a configuration-way of distribution and an audiovisual configuration-way, which forms the present culture. There is consequently needed a digital content distribution system in which the configuration-way of distribution and the audiovisual configuration-way are preserved and the culture accumulated is inherited and the contents using the paper media are digitized into digital contents to change the existing system to a system in which the contents are distributed and sold via a network. The digital content distribution system thereby solves distribution problems of the existing distribution media such as the environmental problems, the problem of the

latest one of the contents, the problem of the returning and discarding of goods, and the problem of distribution cost. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- In a digital content distribution system of the present invention, an original document of a content is received from a content holder who possesses the content and then the content is digitized in a digitization center into a digital content. The digital content generated is ~~recognized~~ acknowledged and then is accumulated in a content database center. --